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1. HIGHLIGHTS. FRIDAY SATURDAY PAPERS FEATURED FORD TRIP;

SUNDAY PAPERS FEATURED PROGRESS ON ARMS AGREEMENT; MONDAY PAPERS FRONTPAGED KISSINGER ANNOUNCES ARMS BREAKTHROUGH. LITTLE COMMENT YET.

1A. FRIDAY WASHPOST INSIDE HAD MARDER, U.S.-SOVIETS STILL SEEK ATOMIC TEST ACCORD; POST SQUIB REPORTED SEN. HUMPHREY SAID IN LONDON HE WANTS U.S. TO HALT CREDIT AND OTHER HELP TO SOVIET UNION UNLESS MOSCOW STOPS SENDING ARMS TO ARAB LANDS.

1B. MONDAY WASHPOST INSIDE HAS ACCORD EXCEEDS HOPES FOR SUMMIT; ALSO MOSCOW STORY, SUMMIT BOOSTS EFFORTS TOWARD GENUINE DETENTE. TEXT OF JOINT PACT AND COMMUNIQUE IN NYTIMES WASHPOST BALTSUN.

2. SUMMIT. MONDAY NYTIMES HERBERS VLADIVOSTOK REPORTS FORD-BREZHNEV TENTATIVE AGREEMENT TO LIMIT THE NUMBERS OF ALL OFFENSIVE STRATEGIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND DELIVERY VEHICLES THROUGH 1985, AND KISSINGER DESCRIBED THE

DEVELOPMENT AS A BREAKTHROUGH IN EFFORTS TO HALT THE ARMS RACE, ADDING THAT THE AGREEMENT WHICH INCLUDES SPECIFIC NUMBERS FOR EACH SIDE WOULD BE SUBJECT TO FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA NEXT YEAR ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, AND THAT KISSINGER HOPES FINAL AGREEMENT CAN BE SIGNED NEXT SUMMER WHEN BREZHNEV VISITS U.S. SPECIFIC NUMBERS WILL BE KEPT SECRET, KISSINGER SAID, UNTIL TUESDAY WHEN FORD BEGINS TO BRIEF CONGRESSMEN. NYTIMES INSERTS AP PARA REPORTING PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL AT ANDREWS SAYING SUMMIT HAD ESTABLISHED A SOUND BASIS FOR A NEW AGREEMENT THAT WILL CONSTRAIN OUR MILITARY COMPETITION OVER THE NEXT DECADE. HERBERS ADDED KISSINGER SAID THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT DID NOT INCLUDE THE AMERICAN FORWARD-BASED PLANES CARRYING NUCLEAR WARHEADS, SECRETARY ADDING MOSCOW NOW BELIEVES THAT THOSE WEAPONS ARE NOT SUITABLE FOR A SIGNIFICANT ATTACK ON THE SOVIET UNION; ALSO SAYING TRIDENT AND B-1 MUST FALL WITHIN THE TOTAL NUMBER OF THE CEILING THAT WILL BE ESTABLISHED.

2A. MONDAY WASHPOST KILPATRICK VLADIVOSTOK REPORTS FORD UNCLASSIFIED

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BREZHNEV ACHIEVED WHAT WAS DESCRIBED AS A BREAKTHROUGH THAT WILL PUT A CAP ON THE ARMS RACE, AS THEY AGREED ON NEW INSTRUCTIONS TO ARMS NEGOTIATORS THAT COULD LEAD TO A TEN-YEAR TREATY LIMITING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFENSIVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS EACH COUNTRY MAY HAVE. KILPATRICK ADDS IF THE NEGOTIATORS ARE SUCCESSFUL IN TRANSLATING THEIR INSTRUCTIONS INTO A DETAILED AGREEMENT, THE PRESIDENT WILL HAVE ACHIEVED A MAJOR SUCCESS--ONE

THAT ELUDED NIXON AT MOSCOW IN JULY, KILPATRICK ADDING THAT LEADERS AGREED TO LIMIT NOT ONLY THE TOTAL NUMBERS OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS BUT ALSO TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF MIRVS WHICH HAD BEEN A MAJOR OBSTACLE, KISSINGER SAYING: WE ARE TALKING ABOUT EQUAL NUMBERS ON BOTH SIDES FOR BOTH MIRVS AND FOR STRATEGIC DELIVERY VEHICLES. ACCORDING KILPATRICK, KISSINGER SAID: WE ARE OVER THE WORST PART OF THE NEGOTIATION; THE ISSUES NOW ARE ISSUES OF VERIFICATION, ISSUES OF COLLATERAL RESTRAINTS, ISSUES OF HOW YOU IDENTIFY CERTAIN DEVELOPMENTS, KISSINGER ADDING: THE NEGOTIATIONS COULD STILL FAIL, BUT ALL THESE TECHNICAL ISSUES HAVE BEEN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT SO I THINK WE ARE WELL DOWN THE ROAD TO FINAL AGREEMENT. KILPATRICK QUOTES NESSEN SAYING THIS AGREEMENT WAS SOMETHING NIXON COULDN'T DO IN THREE YEARS BUT FORD DID IT IN THREE MONTHS, NESSEN ADDING THE TWO LEADERS JUST HIT IT OFF.

2B. MONDAY WASHPOST GETLER LOCAL REPORTS VLADIVOSTOK ACCORD GOES WELL BEYOND WHAT A NUMBER OF SENIOR U.S. ARMS

EXPERTS EXPECTED, YIELDING SEVERAL OPTIMISTIC SIGNS: 1, FOR FIRST TIME RUSSIANS AGREED TO PRINCIPLE OF EQUAL AGGREGATES; 2, RUSSIANS HAVE APPARENTLY AGREED TO MOVE AHEAD WITHOUT INCLUDING FORWARD BASED SYSTEMS; 3, VLADIVOSTOK MEETING APPARENTLY PROVIDED THE SUMMIT BARGAINING WHICH HAS ALWAYS BEEN NECESSARY.

2C. MONDAY BALTSUN TREWHITT VLADIVOSTOK REPORTS FORD AND BREZHNEV TOOK A LONG STEP TOWARD LIMITING OFFENSIVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS BY AGREEING ON THE NUMBER OF ROCKETS TO BE MAINTAINED BY EACH SIDE, AND KISSINGER SAW A VERY STRONG POSSIBILITY OF AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED IN 1975.  
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ACCORDING TREWHITT, A MAJOR GAP IN THE PACKAGE OF CONTROLS WAS FAILURE TO CONTROL THE NUMBER OF MIRVS TO BE PACKED ATOP EACH ROCKET; NOR IS THERE ANY LIMIT ON THE POWER OF INDIVIDUAL ROCKET LAUNCHERS. TREWHITT REPORTS KISSINGER SAID THE TEN-YEAR CYCLE ENVISAGED WILL MAKE IT EASIER FOR EACH TO ACT AT A PACE THAT IS COMFORTABLE, WITH THE U.S. WORKING B-1 AND TRIDENT INTO ITS MIXTURE OF WEAPONS AND RUSSIANS PUTTING THEIR FIRST MIRVS INTO THE FIELD.

2D. TODAY'S BALTSUN EDITORIAL CALLS BREAKTHROUGH THE MOST HEARTENING DISPLAY OF GOOD SENSE THE TROUBLED WORLD HAS SEEN IN QUITE A TIME, SHOWING SUPERPOWER ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONCEPT THAT REAL SECURITY DOES NOT LIE IN EVER-GROWING CAPACITIES TO DESTROY AND ARMS RACE

IS IN FACT NOT ONLY FUTILE BUT COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE.  
EDITORIAL NOTES THAT SCEPTICAL EXPERTS ARE STILL BOUND  
TO QUESTION THE RELIABILITY OF MIRV VERIFICATION  
PROCEDURES THAT LACK ON-SITE INSPECTION, BUT IT SHOULD  
BE REALIZED BOTH SIDES WILL HAVE TO MAKE CONCESSIONS  
TO OBTAIN SALT TWO TREATY. EDITORIAL CLOSES WITH  
CAUTION THAT ARMS AGREEMENT DOES NOT MEAN THAT DETENTE  
IS BREAKING OUT ALL OVER, NOTING THAT PARTIES'  
RIVALRY IN MIDEAST IS UNDIMINISHED.

2E. TODAY'S CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR EDITORIAL SAYS  
SIGNIFICANCE OF VLADIVOSTOK BREAKTHROUGH CANNOT BE  
OVERSTATED, EVEN THOUGH THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT IT WILL  
TAKE A LOT OF HARD NEGOTIATING AT GENEVA. BUT THE BAL-  
ANCED APPROACH SEEMS A REASONABLE ONE. EDITORIAL ADDED:  
AT SAME TIME WE ARE CONCERNED THAT NO MENTION WAS MADE  
OF EARLY QUALITATIVE LIMITATIONS AS WELL--BY CUTTING BACK  
FLIGHT TESTING FOR EXAMPLE.

3. TEST TREATY. FRIDAY WASHPOST MARDER LOCAL REPORTED  
STATE DEPARTMENT ACKNOWLEDGED US AND SOVIET UNION ARE STILL  
SEARCHING FOR TECHNIQUES TO LIMIT UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR  
TESTS AND ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ABOUT SOVIET COMPLIANCE  
WITH THE 1972 NUCLEAR ARMS ACCORD, MARDER ADDING DEPART-  
MENT PUBLICLY SOUGHT TO MINIMIZE ANY NEW NUCLEAR  
CONTROVERSY ON EVE OF SUMMIT. MARDER SAYS, DESPITE  
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CHARGES OF SALT VIOLATIONS BY SENATORS MCCLURE AND BUCKLEY,  
A STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL, WHO DECLINED USE OF HIS NAME,  
REITERATED THAT THERE IS "NO EVIDENCE" THAT THE SOVIET  
UNION HAS VIOLATED THE SALT ACCORD, BUT THIS OFFICIAL SAID  
QUESTIONS HAVE ARISEN ABOUT SOVIET NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES  
WHICH THE US WANTS TO HAVE CLARIFIED IN CONSULTATIVE  
COMMISSION, MENTIONING WHETHER NEW SOVIET COMMAND POSTS  
COULD BE USED FOR UNAUTHORIZED MISSILES, NEW SOVIET  
MOBILE RADAR, POSSIBLE INTERFERENCE WITH US OBSERVANCE OF  
SOVIET SUBMARINE CONSTRUCTION. SPOKESMAN HARE SAID TEST  
TREATY TALKS RECESSED ON NOVEMBER 6 BUT AGREEMENT HADN'T  
BEEN EXPECTED SO SOON AND THERE WAS NO DEADLOCK; TALKS HAVE  
PROCEEDED IN SATISFACTORY MANNER AND WILL RESUME SOON.  
MARDER ADDS THAT OTHER SOURCES CONCEDED NEGOTIATORS FACE  
GREAT DIFFICULTY IN DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN NUCLEAR  
WEAPONS TESTS AND PEACEFUL EXPLOSIONS IN A WAY THAT CAN  
WIN CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED TREATY. INGERSOLL

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